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2. Security Measures and Pilotage

A. Chin Huang Tao - The vessel was met three miles out of the harbor and searched. The search consumed about 2 1/2 hours and was the usual type search, binoculars, radio, sextant, fathometer, etc. being sealed. A pilot (Chinese) accompanied by one guard, brought the ship in.

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[redacted] The vessel was berthed starboard side to along the south breakwater. Two guards remained on board and four were at the gangway. An undetermined number were at the area near the head of the breakwater. The usual system of passes was in effect for crew's liberty. They were required to be back by midnight. Only a few of the crew went ashore and each described the town as having nothing to do.

B. Taku Bar - The vessel anchored some 3 miles off Taku Bar and went through the usual security search and muster. No crew member went ashore, and some 10 guards remained aboard continuously. The usual equipment was sealed. Loading was done from lighters while at anchor.

C. Shanghai - When the vessel reached the mouth of the Hwangpoo River, it was met by a pilot and one guard. It proceeded up the River to Holt's Wharf, where it docked port side to. The usual search and muster procedure was then carried out. Crew members were permitted ashore only on trips to a Seaman's Club and were accompanied between this Club and the vessel. Crew members were compelled to take this tour whether they wanted to or not. They were taken in groups of about 15 on successive days. At the Seamen's Club books and pamphlets in various languages containing pro-Communist propaganda were offered to crew members but were refused.

D. Constantza - The vessel arrived in Constantza in heavy weather. It was scheduled to pick up the pilot just south of the south end of the east breakwater, but, because of the rough weather, the pilot was not there, so the vessel proceeded to about the center of the breakwater enclosed area (just east of the new quay), where the pilot and one Rumanian Navy guard came aboard. The vessel then docked at the east end of the new quay where the search party boarded and performed the usual search routine. The vessel then moved to the south side of the pier, immediately north of the new quay, and began to discharge cargo. The cargo was discharged in this position until the draft of the ship was 25 feet, at which time it moved to the north side of the pier. As the draft decreased further, the vessel shifted to the waterfront at the northern extremity of the breakwater basin and completed discharge of the cargo. Liberty was permitted for the crew. A crew list had to be prepared and the pass system, customary in satellite ports, was used. Liberty was not permitted until 1700 and everyone had to be back on board at 2230. There was almost nothing to do in the town. Hard liquor was not available; a spot called the "People's Cafe", located in the Casino Building, on Cape Constantza, served beer, described as very bad [redacted] only once a week. The people in Constantza were not free to talk to the crew.

[redacted] security of the waterfront area is apparently adequate so far as informant [redacted] There is only one exit from the entire waterfront area [redacted] and that is well guarded. The exit is on the northeast side of the waterfront area and opens onto the first street north of the southern edge of Cape Constantza, as shown on ref. (e). [redacted] in order to leave the waterfront area it is first necessary to stop and go through considerable paper work at the building immediately northwest of the Customs House as shown on ref. (e), which building [redacted] a sort of headquarters for the waterfront area. [redacted] the entire waterfront area was heavily guarded. On leaving the harbor the vessel was searched again. It used a pilot on exit and dropped him and the guard just outside the breakwater entrance.

3. Vessels Observed

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C. Shanghai - [] a number of merchant vessels were observed at Shanghai []

[] A ship left every day carrying both cargo and personnel from the China Merchants SN Company Eastern Wharf to Korea. The vessels were of about 4,000 tons and would leave each night with another arriving in the morning from Korea. A number of torpedo boats, which seemed to be US-built, were observed moving about the waterfront at Shanghai. One or two landing craft of US make, apparently LST's, were tied up down the river a short distance from Holt's Wharf. Six very old vessels, apparently of US make, were docked at various points west of Holt's Wharf. These vessels were identified as probably PC or PF type. About 20 different tugs were observed in Shanghai Harbor, all of which were believed to be of US manufacture.

D. Constantza - [] A Soviet US-built Liberty ship, the Escalos, was loading aircraft engines (propellor type) and trucks at the south side of the pier north of the new quay. A number of tankers were observed at the Petroleum Basins, including the Soviet supertanker, Joseph Stalin. Landing craft of LCI and LVP type conducted exercises within the breakwater area while the subject vessel was at Constantza. Because these vessels were operating under smoke screen, there were no accurate indications of the number, beyond the fact that there were at least 8 or 10.

4. Port Facilities

A. Chin Huang Tao - The vessel unloaded with ship's winches. Only two small cranes were observed of approximately five-ton capacity. Despite no cranes being used, unloading was accomplished rapidly with three shifts of long-shoremen working 24 hours a day. Piers and port facilities appeared to be in adequate, but not excellent condition.

B. Taku Bar - Loading at Taku Bar was from lighters which pulled alongside and anchored. While subject vessel was at Taku Bar (five days) loading was discontinued numerous times because of the state of the tide or bad weather. Loading was by ship's winches from the lighters.

C. Shanghai - Loading was by ship's winches at Shanghai. Some cranes were observed; these were mostly small and a majority of them appeared to be inoperative. Most of the piers are in poor condition and some apparently have been abandoned. Ship's stores were taken on by the vessel at Shanghai. Informant stated that a government agent comes aboard each vessel on its entry into Shanghai and inquires as to the supply needs of the vessel. If supplies are requested, this agent procures an authorization to put the supplies on board at Government-set prices. The provisions taken on board subject vessel were low in price and of good quality.

D. Constantza - [] piers and other facilities in the port of Constantza seemed adequate but not in tip top condition. [] maintenance had fallen behind obsolescence since the war. The Petroleum Basins and oil storage facilities appeared to be in excellent condition. [] the New Petroleum Basin would hold two large tankers simultaneously and that the Old Petroleum Basin would hold one tanker at a time. [] there were two pumps located as shown on ref. (c). The pipe lines from the oil storage area to the pumps and the piers could not be seen; apparently, they run underground and under the pier to the pumps. [] the standard time for topping off a super tanker of the 20,000 ton size, such as the Joseph Stalin, was ten hours. [] the number of oil tanks indicated on ref. (c) in the storage area is about the correct number. Most of these tanks are estimated to be 100 feet in diameter and 60 feet high. [] between one and two tankers entered the Petroleum Basin daily.

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5. Military Installations

A. Chin Huang Tao - [] there appeared to be a materiel depot run by the military, estimated for one mile west of the Isolation Hospital shown on ref. (a). [] this depot was extended as far north as Chin Huang Tao Railroad Station and filled the area between the station and the Liu Chiang Light Railroad to the south.

B. Taku Bar - No military observations were observed.

C. Shanghai - [] a large military airfield is apparently located within 10 kms southwest or west of Astrea Channel shown on ref. (c). As the vessel passed the cable crossing of the Kwang Poo River, opposite the mouth of the Old Ship Channel, and proceeded southeast down Astrea Channel for about 1½ miles, a large number of aircraft were observed, with a good proportion of them coming in for a landing directly over the ship. []

[] aircraft were landing at intervals of about one a minute. Types of aircraft observed included both swept wing jet fighters and propeller driven single engine aircraft, apparently both fighter and trainer type. [] the altitude of the jets as they passed overhead at approximately 2000 feet, but signified little confidence in the accuracy of his estimate. [] one flight of approximately 40 jet aircraft flying in individual formations of five or six, and expressed the opinion that these aircraft were returning from Korea. While docked in Shanghai proper, no jets and only a few propeller type aircraft flying singly were observed.

D. Constantza - [] the Cape Constantza area as far north as City Hall Square as shown on ref. (e) appeared to be the quarters and residence area for Soviet Army personnel. Most of the Soviet officers appeared to have their families with them and living in this area. []

[] there were a considerable number of Soviet troops throughout the city and a particularly heavy concentration in this area. []

[] no Soviets in the waterfront area, which seemed to be guarded exclusively by Roumanians. Conversely, almost no Roumanians were seen in the Cape Constantza area. In the area of Constantza observed, [] there were 2 military personnel to every civilian. In the waterfront area, a large portion of the labor employed appeared to be prisoners, thought to be of German nationality. From the number of such laborers observed, [] there was a concentration camp or POW camp of some sort in the vicinity. []

[] a ship captain destined for Constantza who had been forced, because of bad weather, to put in at Mengalia, about 25 miles south of Constantza. [] this captain had immediately been arrested under suspicion of espionage and had been interrogated very extensively before convincing his captors that his only motive in approaching shore in the Mengalia area had been to seek refuge from the weather. []

[] an extensive military installation was observed at Mengalia. Only one or two propeller driven aircraft were observed during the vessel's stay at Constantza.

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7. Miscellaneous - [redacted] there was no indication of civil disturbance in Constanta [redacted] there was little likelihood that there would be any due to the very large number of military personnel in the area. [redacted] the civilian population was obviously very dissatisfied and ripe for [redacted] revolt, but that the military force arrayed against them made any such move impossible except in the event of a general war or some other event which might give them some hope of success. The civilian population appeared to be badly underfed and very poorly clothed, whereas the military were both well fed and well clothed. [redacted] the age of most of the soldiers [redacted] Both Soviet and Roumanian, in the vicinity of 24-25 years. [redacted]

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